

EARLY GEAR UP GRADUATES

There are 18 early Nevada GEAR UP graduates, most of them graduating in June. Some are working for graduation at the end of the summer. One student graduated last spring. All these students should be congratulated for their initiative and hard work, and these qualities should bring them continued success.

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| 1. Christopher Chong-Wong - Valley High School, Las Vegas | 10. Maria Gonzalez - Rancho High School, Las Vegas |
| 2. José Luis Duarte - Burk Academic Prep, Las Vegas | 11. Antwinae Nixon - Palo Verde High School, Las Vegas |
| 3. Sahba Fakhra - Palo Verde High School, Las Vegas | 12. Heather Schutte - Beatty High School, Beatty |
| 4. Nathaly Gallardo - Del Sol High School, Las Vegas | 13. Jamie Sumpter - Beatty High School, Beatty |
| 5. Sarah Gee - Beatty High School, Beatty | 14. Jason Sumption - Palo Verde High School, Las Vegas |
| 6. Rama Akash - Rancho High School, Las Vegas | 15. Angela Trejo - Centennial High School, Las Vegas |
| 7. Brittany Green - Hug High School, Reno | 16. Vimael Parlero - Rancho High School, Las Vegas |
| 8. Lori Ketner - Hug High School, Reno | 17. Tomi Weber - Beatty High School, Beatty |
| 9. Cassandra Kissel - Virginia City High School, Virginia City | 18. Tung Tran - Rancho High School, Las Vegas |

Four Nevada GEAR UP Students Selected to Attend NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

In an effort to include student-centered perspectives and the opinions of youth in the education reform debate, the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships and Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. are pleased to announce the 4th Annual Youth Summit, to be held July 22-26, 2006, in conjunction with the NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference.

Four Nevada students have been selected for the GEAR UP National Youth Summit. Katie Hill, junior, McDermitt High School, was selected for the Youth Summit Alumni group. Only 4 students are selected nationwide for this honor. Three students from Las Vegas were selected as first year summit members. These students are Ricardo Carnejo and Ryan Ordinario, juniors at Clark High School, and Stephanie Molina, a junior from Valley High School. These three are among thirty students that were selected nationally.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Be sure to let GEAR UP know if you change your address. That way we can continue to contact you for these and other exciting college-prep activities. Please send your address change to your GEAR UP school or to: jthomas@doe.nv.gov

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GEAR UP...

One of the primary objectives of GEAR UP is to promote student achievement and prepare students for college. GEAR UP seeks to accomplish these goals by promoting, facilitating and coordinating the creation of partnerships between schools, parents, community organizations, government agencies, foundations, businesses, colleges & universities.



GEAR UP HIGH SCHOOLS

Clark County
Chaparral
Canyon Springs
Clark/Mojave
Desert Pines
Palo Verde/Del Sol
Rancho/Valley
Western/Cheyenne
Cimarron Memorial
Eldorado/Durango
Las Vegas Academy
Las Vegas
SNVTC
ATA

Elko County
Owyhee

Lyon County
Yerington

Humboldt County
McDermitt

Mineral County
Mineral County

Nye County
Gabbs
Beatty
Tonopah

Washoe County
Hug

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GEAR UP Grapevine

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

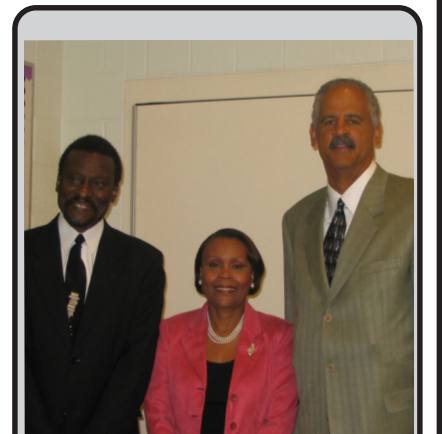
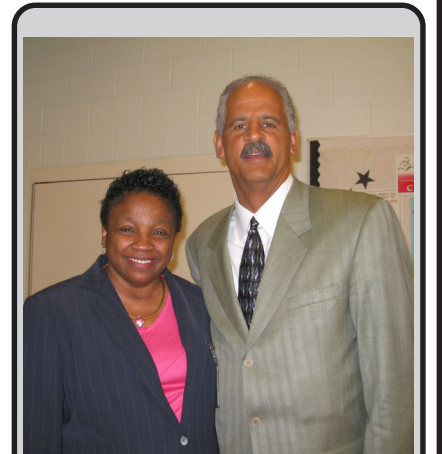
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"STEDMAN GRAHAM VISITS CLARK HIGH SCHOOL"

Stedman Graham, motivational speaker and chairman and CEO of S. Graham and Associates, a management and marketing consulting company, spoke to a group of local teens including GEAR UP students at Clark High School on March 24, 2006.

Mr. Graham spoke to the students about "How to Pursue a Better Life." He provided the students with tools for achieving success, including detailed steps and exercises on how to keep a clear vision and how to set and strive for goals in spite of fears and challenges they may face.

Mr. Graham has shown a lifelong commitment to youth and community. In 1985, he founded AAD Education, Health and Sports, a nonprofit organization of athletic and civic leaders committed to developing leadership in underserved youth. An organization with over 500 professional athletes, AAD has served over 15,000 students and has awarded \$1.5 million in scholarships. The appearance was sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank.



GEAR UP PADRES

GEAR UP es un programa de apollo a los estudiantes y padres con información y actividades para prepararlos para el colegio.

Suéñelo

Créalo

Lógrelo

Favor de llamarle al consejero escolar de su hijo/hija para la información acerca del Programa GEAR UP.

STUDENTS WEIGH IN ON STEDMAN GRAHAM

Students express opinions on Stedman Graham's Clark High School visit...

1. What was your opinion of the presentation?

- Stedman is a very confident man that truly cares about the youth of the nation.
- He was very personable. Came right down to the floor...didn't just stand at the podium.
- My opinion was that I was very honored to be a part of such a special program.
- He's very funny.
- He isn't afraid to say what he feels. He is not afraid of the public.
- Very original and creative.

2. Did the session make you think differently about your life?

- Yes: 12 No: 3
- Yes, it made me think I do a routine everyday and I need to change it.
 - The session made me think more about what I cherish and why.
 - Yes, it made me work harder in class.
 - Yes! I don't want my life to get stuck in a rut.
 - It makes me want to find what I'm good at and build my life around it.
 - Yes, it did. It made me open my eyes and look more deeply into my future goals.

3. Did the session make you think differently about yourself?

- Yes: 12 No: 3
- Yes, I used to feel sort of discouraged about my life, but Stedman had me believe in myself.
 - Yes, it made me think I like a lot but how much do I love.
 - Yes, I want to not let others define me. I want to be successful.
 - It made me think about things for myself more deeply.

4. Did the session make you think about Future Dreams?

- Yes:13 No: 2
- Yes, his speech made me want to accomplish my dreams even more than before.
 - I want to be able to be a wonderful teacher. Really help change peoples lives.
 - I am always thinking about my future. It just made me think of how important it is.

WOW!

5. Will you apply what you have learned?

- Yes:15 No:0
- Yes, most definitely.
 - Of course it's something that will be with me forever.
 - I will try my best to apply all knowledge to change my life.
 - Yes, I hope I can apply it as successfully as he did.

6. Do you have any additional comments?

- I hope we have something like this again.
- Stedman was an amazing speaker and I would indeed love to hear him speak again.
- Stedman Graham did have a wonderful message.
- That was one of the best presentations I have ever seen.
- It was a great opportunity and I'm glad I had the chance to hear him speak. Thank you for the opportunity.
- The session was very educational and made me think in a new perspective.

7. What impression did you have when you left?

- I was pleased with the presentation because it made me think.
- To be a leader not a follower.
- My impression when leaving the theatre was that he was indeed a very wonderful and caring individual.
- I got 20 bucks for naming what I love. Cool, but money isn't that easy to get and he explained that too.
- I felt Stedman Graham loves to interact with people and wants to encourage people. Who or what encourages him?
- I just had a take-charge attitude and wanted to change myself.
- That it was very informative and it went straight to the heart.
- Stedman Graham is very intelligent.
- I was very satisfied and pleased with what I learned.
- He's a very impactful speaker.
- He feels very strongly about things. He cares about children and making sure everyone gets an education.

ATA and Rancho Students at Reno Airport



NEVADA AWARDED TWO AT&T/NCCEP GRANTS

The NCCEP and the AT&T Foundation (formerly the SBC Foundation) are pleased to announce the continuation of a competitive special grants program to further support GEAR UP education partnerships in Nevada. Nevada was awarded two \$49,500 grants which will be used to implement an electronic portfolio system with 1) a teacher training component and 2) students will complete a portable electronic portfolio that will transfer with them to higher education and life after high school. The grants fund after-school and summer enrichment programs in math, science, reading and technological literacy as well as both teachers and students use of technology in the classroom to enhance the teaching and learning functions and improve students' academic performances.

Millenium Scholarships will require a 3.25 GPA for Students Graduating in 2007



www.collegelife.about.com

This site provides information about various aspects of college life from the viewpoint of current college students. Topics include academics, athletics, living options, what to bring, Greek Systems, social life, and more.

www.usafunds.org

This site provides helpful information for students and parents about planning and paying for college.

www.nevada.collegeanswer.com

This site answers just about any question you might have about college and is sponsored by USA Funds.

www.collegeispossible.org

This is a resource guide for parents, students, and education professionals. It provides information about preparing for college, choosing the right college, and paying for college.

www.mapping-your-future.org

Provides helpful information about college and career planning, and has sections for middle to high school students and parents.

